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1. MISSION'S SUGGESTION FOR BUILDING FALL NPG MINISTERIAL
MEETING AGENDA AROUND MAJOR TOPICS, E.G., NUCLEAR EMPLOYMENT
POLICY AND FORCE POSTURE ISSUES AS NOTED REFTEL A SEEMS WELL
CALCULATED TO ADVANCE OUR OBJECTIVES IN THESE AREAS. UTIL-
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ITY OF EXTENSIVE MINISTERIAL LEVEL REVIEW OF NPG ORGANIZA-

TION AND PROCEDURES IS UNDERGOING WASHINGTON REVIEW.

2. WHILE WE ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE SHORT UPDATE ON STRATEGIC BALANCE, THE TRADITIONAL COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING BY SECDEF DOES NOT SEEM NECESSARY. IT WOULD SEEM MORE APPROPRIATE FOR SECDEF TO DEVOTE BULK OF HIS OPENING REMARKS TO US NUCLEAR EMPLOYMENT POLICY SUPPORTING MISSION'S AGENDA SUGGESTIONS.

3. AS PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS OF HAMBURG AGENDA BEGIN, MISSION SHOULD ADVANCE THESE PROPOSALS WITH ALLIED REPS, BOTH IN NPG STAFF GROUP MEETINGS AND IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION, AND REPORT REACTIONS. INGERSOLL

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